

Wheelchair Safety for Friends

If you have a friend who uses a wheelchair, it's important to know how to be safe around the chair and help your friend be safe, too.

Your friend's wheelchair is really important because it helps them move around safely.

Keep your hands away.

The most important safety rule is that you should never try to push, move or sit in your friend's wheelchair. The chair is really awesome, and you might be very curious about it, but it's your friend's personal way of getting around and it's only for them. If you want to know more about the wheelchair, ask questions but don't touch.

Stay in the safe zone.

A wheelchair needs space to move. Keep your fingers and toes away from the wheels, and walk at a safe distance away from the chair. Your friend needs a little extra time to stop safely, so try not to stop suddenly in front of the wheelchair or run in front of it.

Be a good helper.

Your friend is learning how to use a wheelchair safely, and you can help. If you see your friend being unsafe in the wheelchair, tell a grownup and remind your friend of how to be safe. You can also help by opening doors and staying a safe distance from the moving chair.

